



Thank You!



Last year, Chelsea residents recycled more than 1,704,600 pounds of material. That's more than twice the amount we recycled just 3 years ago, but at 8% of trash recycled, we still recycled well below the statewide average. If you're recycling, thanks; you've helped to save energy and curb climate change. You've also helped save the City money, which allows the City to fix more streets, build more parks and hire more police officers. If you only recycled a little, or if you haven't recycled at all, please do more to make our community and our planet a healthier one!

Recycling Made Easier

With the Single Stream Recycling Program, sorting is not necessary as all of your recyclables can be placed in one container at the curb! Residents are encouraged to use their blue bins or 32 gallon barrels clearly marked for recycling. Recycling stickers are available at DPW Offices - City Hall, room 310. This pamphlet includes details to help you properly prepare your recyclables and recycle everything possible.



Chelsea DPW
500 Broadway
Chelsea, MA 02150

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Curbside Recycling Collection Schedule

Recycling is collected every week on your regular trash day.

Holiday Schedule

When a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed by one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

Yard Waste and Fluorescent Bulb Drop-Off

DPW City Yard,
380 Beacham St., Chelsea, MA
Monday thru Friday 8AM-2PM

Hazardous Waste Event

Check website for 2014 date.
www.chelseama.gov
Click on Public Works

Compost Bins

Earth Machine
Brave New Composter
Call 617-466-4200



Trash - All trash must be placed in a trash barrel (not overflowing barrel) OR in an approved, orange trash bag with the City of Chelsea seal. Trash not in a barrel or orange City of Chelsea bag will result in a citation.

Appliances, TV's, and computer monitors

Purchase sticker at City Hall Treasurer's Office (room 213) for \$20

Tires - Remove rims and put out with your trash (limit of 2 tires per week)

Oil base paint - Drop off at DPW (City Yard, 380 Beacham St.) on 1st Saturday of the month. April - October 8AM to 12PM

Latex paint - Once dried, it can be discarded with your trash. Only put completely dried Latex paint cans with their lids removed (no oil based paint) with your trash.

Yard waste - Picked up curbside 11 weeks per year. Place in clearly marked barrel or paper leaf bags. No plastic bags, branches or stumps. Check website for dates www.chelseama.gov
Click on Public Works



Frequently Asked Questions

Can plastic bags be recycled in the curbside program?

No, not as part of the City's program. However, many retail stores have collection programs for plastic bags.

How do I safely dispose of Mercury bearing items like thermometers & thermostats?

Contact the Board of Health at 617-466-4090









How can I safely get rid of sharps & other medical waste?

Contact the Board of Health at 617-466-4090

Recycling Chart

What to Recycle

Do Not Include ANY items contaminated by food are not acceptable for recycling

Mixed paper 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail and envelopes (windows are OK) • Magazines and catalogs • Writing or ledger paper • Paperback books • Paper bags • Greeting cards • Wrapping paper • Shredded paper (Place in paper bag) • Fax paper • Computer paper 	Mixed paper items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candy wrappers • Waxed or plastic-coated paper • Wrapping tissue paper • Foil wrapping paper • Paper towels, facial tissues, napkins • Cigarette packs • Hard cover books
Thin cardboard  Newspapers (including all ads and inserts) 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoe boxes • Cereal boxes • Pasta boxes • Toilet paper rolls • Frozen food boxes • Gift boxes • Cake mix boxes • Toothpaste boxes • Tissue boxes • Paper egg cartons • Soda or beer packaging • Soap or laundry detergent boxes 	Thin cardboard items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boxes with silver or foil coatings • Anything dirty, greasy or plastic-coated
Corrugated cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boxes and other corrugated cardboard should be flattened and folded so they fit in the cart. • Pizza boxes (with greasy liner removed) 	Corrugated cardboard items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty or greasy cardboard
Tin/aluminum, scrap metal 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum and tin cans • Foil and pie plates • Empty steel aerosol cans 	Tin/aluminum, scrap metal items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap metal • Paint cans • Hypodermic needles (Please contact the Health Department for proper disposal information) • Wire clothes hangers
Glass bottles and jars 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayonnaise jars • Wine bottles • Beer bottles • Applesauce jars • Spaghetti sauce jars • Salsa jars • Vinegar bottles • Baby food jars 	Glass bottles and jars not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broken glass • Cups, dishes, glass windows, plates, Pyrex®, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, crystal
Plastic bottles, jugs and containers 	<p>This includes all rigid plastic containers with symbols ♻ through ♻ on the bottom; examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soda and juice bottles • Salad dressing bottles • Milk jugs • Detergent bottles • Juice bottles • Shampoo bottles • Window cleaner • Saline solution bottles • Fabric softener or bleach bottles 	Plastics not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic shopping bags • Plastic food wrap, potato chip and sandwich bags • Styrofoam® • Automotive fluid bottles (oil, antifreeze, brake fluid)
Milk cartons, drink boxes 	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk and juice cartons • Juice boxes • Flavored milk boxes • Cream and creamer containers 	Items not acceptable include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream boxes • TV dinner containers • Margarine boxes • Cream cheese boxes

Container preparation

- Remove all plastic bags.
- Remove any non-acceptable items.
- Corrugated cardboard should be broken down so it fits inside the container without jamming, so the cart will empty completely.
- All containers (jars, bottles, cartons, etc.) must be rinsed and free of all contaminants.
- Remove and discard all corks, tops, rings, metal bottleneck wraps, and unacceptable items.
- Flatten containers whenever possible.

Remember do not put recycling & trash out before 5:00pm a day prior to your collection day and not later than 7:00am on the day of collection